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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

SIR:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2007.

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